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Famous Orchestra to Play for Queen's Ball

Baseball Stars To Choose Queen

Big Event Staged For January 6

The big party presenting about 20 major league baseball players, coming here to officially open the 1940 season of winter sports, will take place here Saturday evening, January 8th. At that time a winter queen will be selected for Grayling.

This promises to be a brilliant affair and the local winter sports committee isn't neglecting a single thing that will help to make this event a much-talked-of affair for many years to come.

"Birdie" Tebbets has been busy in Detroit for the past several weeks, getting in touch with a number of baseball stars and everyone seems to be looking forward to coming to Grayling for this event. About 20 well known diamond stars are expected to be in attendance. Also a number of newspaper editors will be present.

One of the functions of the guests will be to make impartial selection of a young lady to serve as winter queen and hostess for Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., for the season.

In the evening there will be a grand queen's ball in the school gym, where the public will be welcome and will have an opportunity of getting acquainted with the distinguished guests.

To make this an outstanding event, one of the most famous orchestras in the country has been engaged to furnish the music for the ball. The following article will tell you all about them. This is going to be one of the finest balls ever given in Grayling. Plan to attend.

Leroy Smith And His Orchestra

The oft expressed belief that "there is nothing new under the sun" has been refuted by Leroy Smith, famous colored orchestra leader and violinist, who has



Locals Take Game From Kalkaska 23-13

In a fast game, the Grayling High school basketball team defeated Kalkaska here Thursday by a 23-13 score. The local second team lost a close ball game to the Kalkaska "B" squad, 14-10.

In the varsity game, the Grayling Northern Lights were in great form and by good passing and shooting piled up a 16-4 lead at the half. Kalkaska gained the upper hand in the last half and outscored the locals 9-7.

Deckrow played his usual steady game and led the scores. Kraus and McDonnell were outstanding at the back board's. Thompson, Wylie, and Welch played fine floor games. For Kalkaska, Armstrong, Spencer, and McLain stood out.

Practice will be resumed on January 2nd in preparation for the Gaylord game January 5th, and the Boyne City game January 9th. The games will be played here.

CHILDREN OF COUNTY HAD NICE CHRISTMAS

All Crawford county children had a merry Christmas. Two hundred assorted toys, dolls, sleds, etc., were collected and repaired, painted and otherwise renovated by the Grayling Boy Scout troop, led by Mr. Herbert Rowland.

The Junior Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church sponsored this project, furnishing the necessary funds and also dressed the dolls and assisted in the distribution of the toys. Mrs. Ernest Borchers is president of this group.

This project was carried on with the supervision of the Works Projects Administration Recreation leaders, and was organized and generally supervised by Arthur G. Clough, Area Recreation supervisor.

The Grayling High school shop was made available as a toy work shop by Mr. Gerald Poor, Superintendent of school.

The cooperation of all worked towards a successful project and proved to be very much worth while from the standpoint of material accomplishments.

One of Leroy Smith's outstand-



Learn To Skate Learn To Ski

Learn to Skate

We have contacted a skating instructor who will give skating lessons in figure and free style skating. Join the figure skating club and take advantage of the following prices:

6 lessons for \$3.50
(From 11 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. on Sundays).

General skating held from 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Non-members of club \$1.00 per 1/2 hour, from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Join now. Kindly register for the club with C. B. Johnson at Johnson Furniture store.

Learn to Ski

Skiing rates:
School children, lessons from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday mornings. 25 cents each per lesson.

Adults, 50c per hour in groups of 6 or more.

10:00 per hour per individual lessons. Any day of week.

Skiing instructor: Alfred E. Orhm, only American born ski jumping champion.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE BEING DRAWN UP

The schedule for the seven-man softball season is being drawn up and the first game will be on January 9th, 1940. At present four teams are entered, namely Kiwanis Club, A & P Store, Firemen and the Recreation Club. Any other entries will be welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, will be final practice night. All teams entered will be invited to attend this practice, after which a "ground rules discussion will be held."

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IKE WALTONS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

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MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Last day of the year, last chance to attend. Come.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

List of Donors To Finnish Relief Fund

Following are the names of those who have already contributed to the Finnish Relief Fund:

Dr. C. G. Clippert	\$2.00
Shoppenagons Inn	2.00
Anton Kangas	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauri	5.00
Mrs. Mary Hein	1.00
Christ Johnson	1.00
Carl Tahvonen	1.00
Emil Tahvonen	.50
Einer Tahvonen	1.00
O. P. Schumann	2.00
Jonas Wirtanen	2.00
Wm. Rae	1.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

WELL KNOWN FREDERIC COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Maarl Patterson and Clare D. Melroy of Frederic have announced their marriage that occurred in Tiffin, Ohio on December 12th. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the English Lutheran church in Tiffin. Rev. Wayne O. Kamper officiating. Attending the couple were the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Melroy, who reside in that city.

The bride has always lived in Frederic and Mr. Melroy, who had made his home in Lovells for several years has operated a gas station on US 27 there for the past four years. Mrs. Melroy is treasurer of Frederic township which office she has held for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Melroy after spending a week in Tiffin and Detroit returned to Frederic, where they are occupying the new home they had awaiting them. They are being besieged with congratulations and best wishes of their hosts of friends, who include just about everyone in Frederic.

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The bright Christmas reds together with the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree made very festive decorations.

Bridge followed the dinner with Mrs. Emil Giegling and Mr. Carl Johnson holding the high scores.

Mrs. Kenneth Dobbyn of Detroit was an out-of-town guest.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

Shoppenagons Inn Opening New Cocktail Lounge

PROMISES TO OUT CLASS ANY SIMILAR PLACE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

The new "Blue Room," Shoppenagons Inn's new cocktail lounge, will open tonight for business. The official opening, however, will be held Saturday night, December 30th.

This promises to be the finest and most beautiful of any similar places in Northern Michigan. It will be a place of beauty, appointments, comfortable and elaborate.

There is a street entrance and also one that connects from the hotel lobby directly into it. The walls are decorated in three tones of blue, with chrome strips separating the colors.

The room is furnished with leather upholstered booths, the colors of the booths being blue and yellow. The tables are of black Micarta tops with chrome trim. The chairs are of chrome, upholstered in blue and yellow leather.

The lighting is done with 36 feet of fluorescent pink lights. At the back end of the room is a small dance space.

The rest rooms are nicely arranged and afford every comfort, being modernly equipped.

Mrs. Cassidy, owner of the hotel, is to be congratulated for her courage and enterprise. We wish her abundant returns for her efforts.

1200 Children Enjoy Community Tree

It was a happy throng of children that invaded Grayling and the Rialto theatre Friday afternoon for the community Christmas tree. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, so that there was an unusually large crowd numbering 1200, who enjoyed the festivities.

Shirley Temple in "Susanna of the Mounted" thrilled the kiddies aplenty with her cuteness. There were two performances and each time the building was crowded. Leaving the theatre each child was given a large sack of candies and nuts by good old St. Nick, who was waiting at the entrance. He in turn received many "Thank you" and happy smiles.

This is the biggest event in Grayling at Christmas and is looked forward to each year by children from all corners of Crawford and Roscommon counties. Many little children are made happy through the kind generosity of Grayling's businessmen, who contribute to the fund each year.

REXALL CONTEST WINNERS

Following are the names of the prize winners in the annual contest held at Max & Gidley's Rexall Drug store during Christmas:

Boys—
1. Ronnie Larson—Electric train.
2. Bobby Brady—Erector set.
3. James Welte—Kaster set.
4. Devere Matthews—Mechanical train.

Girls—
1. Marilyn Giltner—Large doll.
2. Marlene Sorenson—Doll.

3. Sara L. Smith—Charlie McCarthy.

4. Sally McLean—Doll.

5. Nancy Hilton—Dyde doll.

6. Emily Giegling—Xylophone.

7. Sandra Sweeney—Tea set.

8. Jaunita Morency—Electric stove.

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Pugilists Declare War Farnham Matson New Kiwanis Pres.

JACK WADE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY

Annual Event Week Of Jan. 22

The Ike Waltons have announced dates for the third annual Golden Gloves tournament which are as follow: Preliminaries, Jan. 22-23-24; semi-finals, Jan. 25, and finals Jan. 27.

At this time everything points toward the biggest and best show the League has put on so far. With neighboring communities showing intense interest in boxing, and training teams to enter in competition, to say nothing of the increasing number of mitts and ability in previous matches here and who are building up the entries in the open class, the indications are that there will be plenty of biff and swat in the January show.

West Branch has announced that they will hold their tournament Jan. 10, 11, and 13, and will send a winning team here to prove to all concerned that they take their boxing seriously in West Branch. Judging by the results of the recent clambake which they held down there, we would say that their entries should be taken seriously indeed by all concerned.

Boyle City, that wide awake neighbor to the north, needs no ballyhoo to introduce them as they have proved in previous tournaments here that they have what it takes to make champions. Suffice to say that they will hold a four-night tournament Jan. 15, 17, 19 and 20. The boys who emerge from this with all of their entries will charge upon Grayling with their customary determination, and without a doubt will account for their usual number of opponents, and go on to Bay City with battle flags flying. The Veterans of Foreign Wars up in Gaylord have assured us that they will have a team on hand, and those who witnessed the Championship Belt tourney here in November know that Gaylord has some boys who really have ability and innards."

Three Civilian Conservation Corps camps will enter here, and three at West Branch, with the camps in the Boyne City area entering there. This means, of course, that when everything is boiled down, Grayling will be the final battlefield for the entire area, and will be able to show the fans some exciting evenings.

The Izaak Walton League has never been accused of giving the fans less than their money's worth at these medicine shows, and it looks as though this year would be outstanding in interest.

Genial Jack Wade, who in private life operates a neat tourist camp at Lake Margrethe, and who is general favorite hereabouts will head the Golden Gloves committee, and this is sufficient assurance that all details will be attended to with despatch and fairness to all. He has named the following men to share his headaches as members of the Executive Committee: Ernest Hoesli, Stanley Flower, R. A. Wright, and Jack Redhead. Sub-committee will be made up of the following Ikes: Axel Peterson, Farnham Matson, Carl Bliss, Bert Norris, Otto Peterson, Ernie Borchers, Eugene Papendick, and Lawrence Hunter.

Moore, and for the excellent service he has rendered during the tenure of his office.

Mrs. Gorman, school nurse, will give a talk on health problems at the next meeting of the club—January 3rd.

Brand New Buses Now In Service . . .

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THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1939

"PETOSKEY IS NOT SMART"

Al Weber, publisher of the Cheboygan Observer, in a recent issue of that newspaper said the following:

Petoskey is not smart when it seeks to belittle Grayling's publicity on behalf of its winter sports program, and points to the claim that Grayling presents with a lot of gusto its claim for winter sports greatness, but that Grayling has neither the facilities or natural terrain which Petoskey boasts. We admit Petoskey possesses a lot of advantages, and winter sports community would be proud to boast of but Grayling is geographically setting pretty far from the public affairs of other place in the middle west or outside of Lake Placid, and it has some terrain that Petoskey doesn't know about. This winter sports show is a big thing. Big enough for all of us in our own way and we should help each other instead of attempting to make uncomplimentary comparisons.

Is Petoskey Getting Petty?

When we hear of stories that obviously emanate from Petoskey in which the facilities of Grayling Winter Sports park are belittled, we wonder if some of the citizens of that city aren't getting to be petty about the matter.

Grayling people started winter sports on a scale that has extended beyond our own confines. We were the first. Then other places found that there was a demand for winter sport and they followed suit, with Grayling, Petoskey was among them. Fine skating rinks were developed. Toboggan slides were constructed. More and more people every year looked forward to that kind of winter activity. Many places made their winter carnivals glamorous affairs. It was great fun, but a lot of work and usually was accompanied by financial losses. In this Grayling shared until our merchants and others wondered if it was worth it. But Grayling persisted and kept on.

Petoskey probably had the finest skating rink in the state. That was in former years. Now small printed card. Grayling has a winter ice rink. The 1940 one dollar resident license is a small printed card. That will not be equalled in Michigan in the near future if ever. Kind of fishing after January 1. Petoskey has no moral reason for trying to belittle Grayling and good for all kinds. Forty winter park. Michigan is a big state and there is room for everyone in all lines of endeavor. There limited public access to fishing will be winter sports in Petoskey grounds and for lake and stream and other cities just as long as improvement and research.

the citizens of those communities care to promote them.

Of course Grayling has stepped ahead so far that it is outstanding and is generally known as the Capital City of winter sports. That was made possible by the aid afforded by the state and federal governments. How many communities in Michigan can afford to spend a half million dollars for winter sports? It was Grayling's ideal location geographically and its general land surface and the attitude of our people toward winter sports that put about its selection.

It is only silly for Petoskey people to try to belittle Grayling in winter sports. We are sure there are a lot of people there who are not in harmony with the few who take that attitude.

UP IN THE STICKS

By R. E. Prescott, in Alcona County Herald.

To the folks who have read my column adorning the week end visiting relatives here.

Leo Skinner is home from Big Bay visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Skinner, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sweeney and daughter Sandra spent the Christmas week end with relatives in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo spent the week end visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

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To those other folks, too, readers did readers new, and to those who read but on occasion, and to those who enthuse over his friend and views, and to those of much different persuasion, whose opinions contrast and whose words in the past have been heated enough to raise blisters, but the Good Book says still, to spread peace and good will, so at Christmas we're brothers and sisters.

But near, be it far, or wherever you are, from Vancouver to Panama's Isthmus; if you like me or not, and whatever your lot, let me wish one and all Merry Christmas.

By R. E. Prescott.

3 TONS FISHING LICENSES NOW READY

The Michigan fisherman may get an idea of how numerous his fellow anglers are by realizing that the collective weight of the more than a million 1940 licenses, packed for 2,200 dealers exceeds three tons. Each license is a small printed card.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade spent Christmas in Toledo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Devere Beware of Vanderbilt spent the week end visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harwood, and Mr. and Mrs. T. San Carter spent Christmas day in Midland.

Bob Tiffin is spending his vacation visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Tiffin in West Branch.

Miss Florence Butler spent the Christmas week end visiting her father, William Butler, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strohauer of Alger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and children spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Mrs. George Burrows and daughter Leona of Flint spent the week end visiting relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson of Saginaw spent Christmas day at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Marie Hanson.

Miss Virginia and Kermit Charon of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, are spending their vacation at the home of their parents.

Harold Edwards arrived home Saturday from Big Bay, where he is employed and is spending the holidays with his family.

Marilyn Gildner.

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Lignin From Corn Cobs Softens Hard City Water

AMES, IOWA.—In their search for some practical use for lignin, one of the country's principal waste products, federal chemists have discovered that recovered lignin is more effective in treating hard water containing iron than commercial compounds now in use.

At the agricultural by-products laboratory in Ames, chemists of the department of agriculture treated hard city water, hard well water, and water containing added iron with lignin prepared from corn cobs and found this material to be effective as an iron-removal agent.

Supplies of lignin are inexpensive because they are almost limitless.

Roughly, one-fourth of all wood plants, including trees, is lignin. As a waste product of wood pulp mills, where its disposal pollutes streams, it amounts to about 1,500,000 dry-weight tons each year. At least 6,000,000 tons a year is available from corn stalks and an equal quantity from wheat straw. Other extensive supplies are cottonseed hulls and sugarcane bagasse—the fiber remaining after the juice has been squeezed from it.

The discovery promises the first extensive use for lignin in its original form, because few cities have water sufficiently pure that it does not require treatment for removing iron, which imparts an unsightly appearance and undesirable taste.

Caspian Rescue Ship
A large ice breaker stationed in the Caspian sea serves as a life-saving vessel for fishermen.

All calls answered quickly, any hour of the day or night.

Dependable, Reliable Service

Alfred Sorenson
Funeral Home

Ambulance Service

Lady Attendant

Phones

Day 2481

Night 3871

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and sons Wilfred and Robert of Saginaw, were yule tide guests of Mrs. Peter Robertson and family.

Mrs. Kate Loskot returned home Wednesday after spending Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ekkens and family in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanselman of Milan, Mich., and Mrs. Lipman Landsberg of Inkster visited over the holidays with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Monroe.

The choir of St. Michael's church, Roscommon, rendered the music at high mass at St. Mary's church Christmas morning and it was very lovely. At a second mass a group of young ladies sang Christmas carols, and Rev. Fr. James Moloney had a fine message for his congregation at each service.

First Gas Mask Made
By Londoner in 1854

It has just been discovered by the Bulletin of the Imperial Institute that the first practical gas mask was invented by a Dr. Stenhouse in 1854, and its manufacture placed in the hands of the instrument makers of St. Bartholomew's hospital, London. It was intended for physicians and nurses as a protection against air communicable diseases. On a back shelf of the hospital museum, what is believed to be the only specimen in existence was found.

In a thin copper sheet padded with velvet and shaped to cover the nose and mouth, were inset two fine wire gauzes, one-eighth inch to one-quarter inch apart, with charcoal between. The respirator was held in position by a stout elastic band passing round the back of the head, and was designed "to absorb and destroy any miasma or infectious particles present in the air in the case of fever and cholera hospitals, and of districts infected with ague, yellow fever and similar diseases."

Dr. Stenhouse also suggested that "persons living in pestiferous areas might make their houses as airtight as possible," and admit air only through charcoal filters.

"It is a pity," the Bulletin comments, "that so much valuable work should have been overlooked in the period of emergency which arose some 60 odd years later, during the early part of the World war."

Old Letters Sometimes

Carry Valuable Stamps

One frequently hears stories of rare stamp finds in old accumulations of mail. Usually the stories are not very well authenticated. There must be some interesting items still hidden away, but most old desks and trunks of letters have been pretty well ransacked by juvenile collectors.

If you are so fortunate as to have an attic in the family, it would be interesting to have a look at the old letters. It might possibly pay. Should you find a five-cent brown stamp of the year 1861 with the head of Jefferson or N. which someone forgot to use, you will never again scold Aunt Emma for saving old papers. The stamp is catalogued at \$1.25.

One cent indigo of the same vintage ahead of Franklin is worth \$3.500, while an unused 1-cent black head of Washington sells for \$1.00. But they must be the first issue of this series which was on very thin paper. Later ones are on thick paper and are low in value.

Mirabel there is a New Haven, Conn., stamped envelope of 1845, a five-cent blue stamp or a buff envelope—one of those tiresome letters of advice Great-Great-Aunt Hetty used to write to her nephews. Her advice was valuable: that stamped envelope is worth \$10,000!—Commentator.

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Family Tradition Survives

In the days when the Venetians held the secret of fine glass making and kept it under penalty of death, the skill of the glass blowers was passed from father to son for generations. The death penalty was repeated a thousand years ago and the glass blowers gave way to modern machinery early in the present century. But the skill of the plate glass polishers continues as a family tradition in the big glass plants of Toledo, Ohio. For example, on the 1,700-ton polishing line in the Libbey-Owens-Ford plant here there are seven father-and-son combinations. Technical developments have given them a 350-ton machine, electrically controlled, with which to grind off a paper-thin layer of glass to give the plate its crystal polish. Nevertheless, the perfected product depends largely on their skill in grading and handling more than 30 different sands and polishing materials, some of it so fine that it could almost be used to brush your teeth!

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Gas Tells Age of Rock

A new method of measuring small amounts of gases extracted from rocks has been developed by Dr. Alfred C. Lane, professor emeritus of geology at Tufts college. It will measure a volume as small as a grain of wheat extracted from a ton of rock or very much smaller amounts taken from smaller samples.

It is a vacuum tube containing a fine wire whose resistance is altered by the impact of the gas molecules which reduce its temperature. It is used in measuring the amount of helium produced by the breakdown of radium in rocks. The amount of this gas gives an index of the length of time the radium has been disintegrating in the rock and this gives the rock's age and that in turn gives an index of the earth's age. The more accurate determination made by this device gives the earth's age as 2,000,000,000 years or more, says Professor Lane.

Ember Day Adaptation

Ember days, which were instituted by Pope Gregory as days of fasting and prayer, are the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the first Sunday in Lent, after Whitsunday, and after the thirteenth of December. They were an adaptation of a Roman season of prayer and fasting with petitions to the Roman deities for success in the spring, the June bountiful harvest, September rich vintage and December winter seeding.

NO THANKS!

You ought to do something for that cold.

What? After the way it has treated me?

Strategy

Enemy at the Maneuvers—You are my prisoner.

Sergeant Blanks—Nonsense! How did you get here?

Enemy—Over the bridge.

Sergeant Blanks—Then my dear fellow, you are drowned. We blew up that bridge yesterday!

When He Took Milk

"I believe strongly in this idea of an all-milk diet," said a man. "I lived on nothing but milk for a whole year, and look at me."

"On nothing but milk?" asked the physician. "At what age?"

"During the first year of my life."

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 28, 1916

The bugle sounded and from the east came a response. It sounded again and this time the answer came from the north and once more, at the bugle call, came the reply from the west. Thus was the formal opening of the program for the Community Christmas tree. It was about 7:30 o'clock Saturday night when Mayor Hans Petersen mounted an elevated step before the Community Christmas tree and welcomed the people present. The electric lights were flashed on and the thirty-foot pine tree was made brilliant with many red, white and green lights. There were probably nearly a thousand people present.

Thursday, December 21, at about 3:30 o'clock occurred the sad death of Mrs. Charles F. Underhill, of Lovells, at Mercy Hospital in this city. For nearly two years past the lady had been ill. During the time of her stay at the hospital, her husband, Dr. Underhill was constantly at her bedside, and right up to the last moment was hopeful of her recovery. Mrs. Underhill was but 32 years old and a woman dearly loved by all who knew her. For a number of years Dr. and Mrs. Underhill catered to trout fishermen and for the past five years conducted the Underhill Club, located about two miles north of Lovells on the North Branch of the AuSable river. She leaves to mourn her death besides her husband, a son Newell. The remains were taken to her girlhood home, Rochester, N. Y., for burial.

Miss Dorothy Pond, who is attending school in Lansing, is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shoemaker and daughter Dorothy are spending the week here with Mrs. Shoemaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodford.

The Michigan Central is erecting a new office building at the round house to take the place of the small building that has long since been outgrown.

John Larson spent Christmas with his wife, who is at the University hospital in Ann Arbor.

Miss Jerrine Lankry of Bay City arrived yesterday to spend several days visiting former friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann are enjoying a visit from the latter's sister Mrs. Florence Doty of Grand Rapids.

Miss Helen Bauman entertained with a shower in honor of Mrs. John Pettit who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling.

Thursday night the M. E. church held their Christmas tree and the building was packed with people. A very nice program of Christmas carols, dialogues, etc., was carried out.

A military company has been organized in the high school with W. H. Case, captain; Roy Case, 1st lieutenant. There will be drill practice at the school gymnasium for the high school boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eagles of Flint, are spending a few days among their friends in Grayling. Mr. Eagles, when here, was em-

ployed in the M. C. roundhouse.

Mr. Sager, sales manager of the Simon Sales Company of Saginaw, was in Grayling Thursday and signed contracts with L. J. Kraus and Claude Gilson of this city for the 1917 agency for the Overland cars. The local dealers this year will do business under the firm name of Kraus & Gilson. It is the intention of the firm to build a garage and do auto repairing as well as carry a line of autos in stock.

Lorne J. Douglas of Saginaw visited his wife here Christmas.

Miss Elvira Rasmussen entertained a few friends very nicely at her home last evening.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lauridsen on Sunday, December 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Wright, at the Military reservation.

Miss Cornelia Meilstrup is entertaining a number of young ladies this afternoon at a miscellaneous shower to honor Mrs. John W. Pettit, formerly Miss Elsa Salling.

Miss Laura Simpson is home from Laurium, Mich., for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Keyport enjoyed a visit from the former's parents over Christmas.

Will Wingard is spending the holiday vacation at the farm home of his uncle, Chas. Corwin, near Roscommon.

Mrs. David Montour and two youngest daughters left Wednesday to visit their parents at Stanislaw during the school vacation.

Lieut. Hardin Sweeney received the latter part of last week as a Christmas gift a beautiful sabre. It bore the following inscription, "Hardin Sweeney, From His Comrades, Fort Ward, December, 1916."

The marriage of Miss Anna Jenson of Detroit, and Mr. L. C. Bundgaard of this city will occur at Grant, Mich., this evening. Miss Margrete Hemmingsen and John B. Rosenstand left Wednesday to be in attendance, and will act as bridesmaid and groomsman, respectively.

The following officers were elected for the K. of P. Order at their meeting Wednesday evening: Chancellor commander, Glen Smith; vice chancellor, J. Fred Alexander; prefect, Emil Giegling; master at arms, Peter Brown; master of exchequer, A. B. Failling; master of finance, Geo. McCullough; keeper of records and seal, A. J. Joseph; inner guard, T. P. Peterson; outer guard, Benjamin Hardquist.

Eldorado Nuggets
(23 Years Ago)

"Where's Fred Hartman?" This was the question most asked about here Thursday. When the truth was learned as to his whereabouts, it became known that he had gone very quietly to Grayling and married one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Sarah Williams.

Hersel Fairbotham of Grayling is spending Christmas with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams.

Miss Frances Wehnes is home from her school at Keno for the

holiday week. Harry and Burton Williams were home from Grayling to spend Christmas.

Frederic News

(23 Years Ago)

Sam Smally and F. D. Griffin each lost a horse last week.

The home talent play given by the High school was fine, but a small crowd out.

The American House is open again to the public. It looks good to see it lively around there again. J. W. Burke is the new proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch are cooking at the American House.

Mrs. Boyer of Cadillac is visiting her mother, Mrs. Layman and sister, Mrs. E. V. Barber.

Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

Health Axioms For Children

One of the difficulties in giving advice to mothers is that the experienced mother is slow to accept advice, while the inexperienced one welcomes advice from everyone. However, all will agree that certain truths apply to almost every case and the following axioms should serve to summarize several of the important points in the care of children.

A mother should nurse her child at least six months if possible. The child who cannot have its mother's milk should have a formula for feeding provided by the family physician or a pediatrician.

If a child does not thrive either on the mother's milk or a carefully prepared formula, there is something wrong which calls for an investigation by a physician.

Children must have rest periods where quiet prevails, and great regularity in habits of eating and sleeping should be acquired.

Cod liver oil, orange or tomato juice and vegetable broths are essential parts of the diet after weaning. If the diet is not adequate, if the child does not gain weight, or if he develops some condition you do not understand, take him to a doctor.

Accidents cause a great many deaths and much disability. Constant watching and thoughtfulness is necessary to prevent them.

Young children should not be taken to the movies.

If a child has brain storms, temper tantrums, or vomits when displeased, it is still not too late to prevent the one result—a spoiled child. This child should be under a physician's supervision until the condition is corrected.

Tea, coffee, cold beverages and beer are poison to young children. A child requires more pure water than it often receives.

When anyone in the family has a cold or sore throat he should be isolated from children.

If a child's teeth decay quickly, look into his food habits and his hours in the open air, rather than purchase a new tooth brush.

It is never too early to begin teaching children good health habits. They should come before manners, and the first principle is learning to avoid dirt. The drinking cup, the common towel, putting the fingers into the mouth, tasting things found while playing—all these are capable of transmitting disease.

A child must learn to amuse himself and develop early the ability to get along with others of his own age. Parents should remember that there is no single remedy or "cure all" which will prevent poor mental hygiene.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Finland Needs Assistance To Continue Brave Fight Against Russia

Finland's resistance to the Russian attacks along her border has been surprisingly effective. Substantial Soviet gains along the Arctic and a sinister threat in the center have not offset the valiance of the Finnish defense soldiers. Claims of the contending armies conflict but enough is known to confirm the suspicion that the Red Army is not what the world feared it might be.

How long the Finns can maintain themselves in the face of increasing numbers opposing them is the real problem. The winter weather is sure to be helpful and if other nations provide sufficient war supplies, the Finns think they can hold out for some months to come. Great Britain and France will give some assistance in war materials and the United States is expected to provide some money.

The Soviet government refuses to dignify the struggle by the term "war", insisting before the League of Nations, just prior to being expelled from the group, that the Russian armies were merely assisting the Red government of Finland to suppress disorder. Moscow, it should be understood, declines to deal with the Helsinki government, claiming that the real government is that set up by the Reds when the Russian invasion began.

Russian strategy is aimed at dividing Finland by cutting the northern and southern sections in half. At its narrowest point Finland is only 125 miles wide. This is where Sweden—and Finland start their common frontier. If the Red army succeeds in reaching the Swedish border, it will divide the Finns and make it difficult to send supplies to southern Finland, now blockaded by the Soviet Navy.

Armies Quiet. Sea War Bitter

Fighting on the front between Germany and France continues to be desultory, being restricted to patrol actions. Both armies remain in readiness for action but neither side seems inclined to begin anything like a big land offensive. The strategy behind these tactics for the Allied nations has been discussed before in this column. Why Germany hesitates is a matter of speculation because every passing week undoubtedly means the strengthening of her adversaries for battle.

In the North sea naval warfare rages unrestrained with German airplanes repeatedly attacking the British public small British craft. The mines, the best week that they have continue to take a heavy toll of joyed since the war began because, for the first time, the successes despite the action of naval war was making itself felt upon Germany.

Finland's President Is a 'Home Body'



While his ambassadors were presenting Finland's case before Soviet leaders in Moscow, President Kyosti Kallio spent quiet evenings at home with his family. The picture shows President Kallio with Mrs. Kallio and their grandchild.

Quads Are Nearing Two-Thirds Mark



America's youngest quads, right to left, Jeanette, Joan, Jeraldine and Joyce Badgett, who are nearing eight months, continue to thrive.

TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUCCESS

We often say when we discuss various things we acquire that it isn't the original cost that counts. It is the upkeep. This is particularly true of success.

The fact is that there is a responsibility of success which failure or mediocrity never knows. The man who is successful, who achieves in whatever line he may enter, has an obligation and a responsibility which requires that he continue to do his very best.

Especially is this true of business.

To make a brief success of a business isn't hard. To build a lasting success requires close application and a fine sense of the obligation which success implies and demands.

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Whenever a manufacturer or a merchant begins to advertise he sets self-imposed standards on himself. By these standards do others judge him. By these standards do they also classify him.

He has an obligation to live up to every day thenceforward.

G-MAN'S SOFT SIDE



They all have their weaker side and this picture is the proof. This doll was entered in the hobby fair at Chicago by Melvin Purvis, former G-man and killer of John Dillinger. Doll collecting is one of Mr. Purvis' hobbies.

GABBY GERTIE



"A chatter wouldn't sound so flat if he'd make his chatter flatter."

My Neighbor Says:

Never stretch pie crust to fit a plate. Dough shrinks when baking.

In preparing Welsh rabbits be careful not to overcook them or they will become stringy.

Put fresh bread, that is to be used in making sandwiches, into the refrigerator for an hour and it will cut more easily.

If cheese is wrapped in a cloth moistened with vinegar and placed in a covered dish it will keep moist for some time.

Cut flowers will last much longer during the winter months if they are put into lukewarm water when they come from the florist.

Soap jelly suitable for laundering clothes can be made by putting leftover soap bits in a jar and covering them with boiling water.

Subscribe for the Avalanche

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Louis Matonen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that two months from the 21st day of December A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 2nd day of March A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 4th day of March A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 15, 1939.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

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CHRONOLOGY

OF THE YEAR
1939

COMPILED BY
JOHN D. GRANT**EUROPEAN WAR****MARS GOES TO WORK—**
French poilu puzzles over street sign in captured German village.**Hitler Still Grabbing**

- MARCH**
12-German troops mass near border of Slovakia.
13-Czechoslovak submits to Hitler's demands for further break-up of the Czech state.
14-Slovakia formally secedes from Czechoslovakia and becomes independent state under German protection.
Hitler seizes Bohemia and Moravia, the remaining subsection of Czechoslovakia.
16-Hitler absorbs Slovakia. Hungary annexes parts of Carpatho-Ukraine.
27-Germany puts pressure on Poland.
28-Poland refuses German demand for pathway to East Prussia.

APRIL

- 4-Poland joins British in war alliance.
17-Germany passes decree to take Danzig. French fleet guards Gibraltar. British fleet sails to Malta.

MAY

- 7-Nazis plan plebiscite in Danzig.
8-Pope invokes his powers to Vatican parley to settle Polish-German dispute.

- 20-Germany fortifies its eastern frontier against Poland.

JUNE

- 1-Hitler pledges Germany will support Jugoslavia's buffer.
20-German troops move to encircle Poland.
28-Britain appeals to Germany to settle dispute by negotiations.

JULY

- 4-Warsaw reports 5,000 Polish families in East Prussia are forced to move away from border.
5-Finnish artillery sinks Russian destroyer.

- 13-Germany and Italy establish policy on Danzig; Polish attitude called unbearable.
18-Germany takes military possession of Slovakia.
21-Germany announces nonaggression pact with Russia.
22-German troops massed near Polish border.

- 23-Germany and Russia sign nonaggression pact.
25-Britain and Poland sign war alliance.
26-Germany abandons Rome-Berlin link.
29-Poland asks British help under new mutual aid pact.

Germans Invade Poland

- 31-Germany opens war on Poland.

SEPTEMBER

- 3-Britain and France declare war on Germany. British ship Attone torpedoed on coast of Ireland. 1,400 aboard, 44 lost.

- 6-Germany blockaded by British navy and citizens flee.
President Roosevelt proclaims U.S. neutrality.

- 6-Special to Britain to rush and France invades Germany. British troops arrive.

- 7-Nazi forces sink five ships.

- 8-French plane bombs Stettin and Gdansk, Poland, twice.

- 10-Germany invades Poland on western front. Russia rushes reserves to Polish border.

- 12-German forces shut a vice on Warsaw.
13-Big British army lands in France without loss. Polish defense cracks. Nazis move eastward.

- 16-Russian troops invade Poland to "protect minorities."
17-Warsaw decides to fight on after talks fail.

- 18-Poland's defenses collapse under Nazi pressure.

- Russian army drives 50 miles into Poland.

- 20-Report Red purge of former officials in Polish Ukraine.

- 23-French repulse wave after wave of Nazi shock troops.

- 25-Prussian Germans in two big air battles. Bombard whole length of Siegfried line; bomb Zeppelin works.

- 27-Warsaw surrenders to Germans after 20-day siege.

- Estonia signs alliance with Russia; to stop war.

OCTOBER

- 1-Britain calls 200,000 more troops.
5-Mussolini proposes a Britain and France; seeks armistice.

- 6-Hitler sets aside area in Poland for Germans to be transplanted from other countries.

- 10-German premier spurns Hitler's peace terms.

- 14-Britain's battleship Royal Oak sunk by sub. 786 lost.

- 17-German planes raid Scapa Flow. Iron Duke, training ship damaged.

- 22-British report three U-boats sunk off British Isles. One in Bay of Biscay.

- 23-American ship City of Flint, turned over to Germany by Russia, sails.

- 25-Germans claim 115 foreign ships sunk.

- 26-Five freighters sunk by Germans. Soviet demands raise new crisis in Finland.

NOVEMBER

- 2-Norway frees City of Flint and German prize crew. Finland defines Soviet threat; ready to fight.

- 4-Soviet ends peace and offers to meet.

- 6-Hitler escapes plot; blast in Munich beer cellar kills 8 and injures 60.

- 8-Dutch open defense dikes; class at 100.

- 10-French repulse two German attacks.

- 12-Four more merchantmen sunk in sea.

- 13-Germans shoot nine Czech students, seize 1,200 and close academies for three years.

- 15-Germany hits German mine to Norek sea, site with 160 lives.

- 19-Four more ships sunk by German mines of England.

- 20-Germans extend war at sea; 10 vessels sunk since November 18; 133 missing.

- 21-French-Belgian treaty seen as changed for France to get German coke.

- 22-Germany opens officers' ranks to all soldiers; royalty backs Hitler.

- 21-Germany charges Munich man with beer cellar explosion, arrests two British agents.

- British issues unrestricted blockade of Germany, in reprisal for illegal mine warfare, forbids neutral nations to trade with Germany.

- 22-British cruiser sunk, 40 missing.

- Mass bombing raid Shetlands, no damage done.

- French report torpedo boat sank two subs.

- 23-Even more vessels sunk; total for six days, 23.

- British permits Britain to establish propaganda center in Sofia.

- 24-British cruiser damaged in port by British ironclad ship. Germans repulse German attack east of Mysketa river.

- Berlin claims bombers hit four British ships. London denies it.

- 25-Finnish cruiser damaged in port by British ironclad ship. Germans repulse German attack east of Mysketa river.

- 26-British claims British cruisers sank two submarines. British denies it.

- 27-Russia demands Soviets remove soldiers from border. Finland offers to negotiate peace issue.

- Russia threatens war.

- 28-Russia demands nonaggression pact with Finland. Finland declares Russia reports of border attacks false.

- Germany claims British cruisers sunk two submarines. British denies it.

- 29-British troops leave Finland after breaking off diplomatic relations.

- Russians claim 10-mile advance into British held Helsinki.

- 30-Finnish attacks British naval base.

- 31-Germany sends sharp note to Russia asking that bombing of cities stop.

MAY

- 6-King and queen of Great Britain sail for Canada.

- 17-King and queen of Great Britain tour around at Quebec.

- 18-King and queen start on tour of Canada.

- 21-Bill setting up dictatorship over industry introduced in British parliament.

- 23-British border war develops between Japan and Russia in Manchukuo.

- 24-Bombs in mail in England injure seven persons.

- 25-Japan presents Britain with new demands as troops tighten blockade of Manchukuo.

- 26-British and Chinese flee Tientsin to escape Japanese economic blockade.

- 27-King and queen given tremendous ovation on their return to England.

- 28-Soviets repulse Japanese attack on Mongolian border; shoot down 25 planes.

- 29-Japs report shooting down 98 Soviet planes in battle over Outer Mongolia.

- 30-British George and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain enter United States at Niagara Falls; officially welcomed by Secretary of State Hull.

- 31-British and American fleet welcomed to Washington by President Roosevelt; attend state dinner at White House.

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- 21-Proportion of civil service employees reduced under President Roosevelt.

- 22-U.S. court upholds wage-hour law in Montgomery Ward case.

- 23-Supreme court voids cities' ban on handbills.

- 24-President suggests special taxes for half billion increase in defense appropriations.

- 25-Presidential budget director to discuss defense cuts.

- 26-Chrysler company and C. I. O. agree on basis of peace after auto plants are tied up 63 days.

- 27-House finds German-American bund leader Fritz Kuhn guilty on forgery and theft charges.

- 28-Roosevelt sends sharp note to Russia asking that bombing of cities stop.

MARCH

- 20-Charles Bowser named head football coach at Pitt.

APRIL

- 2-Ralph Guldfeld wins Masters golf title at Atlanta.

- 17-Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, knocks out Jack Roper in first round.

- 18-Joey Archibald wins featherweight title from Leo Kodak in 15 rounds.

MAY

- 6-Johnstown won Kentucky derby.

- 20-Joseph F. Carr, National Football league president, dies.

- 25-Henry Armstrong, welterweight, defeated Ernie Hickock, British champion, in 15 rounds.

- 30-Shaw wins Indianapolis auto race, averaging 110.03 miles per hour. Robert killed.

JUNE

- 1-Lou Nova scores technical knockout over Max Baer in eleventh round.

- 12-Centennial birthday of b-ball celebrated at Cooperstown, N. Y., where it originated.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1939

Mrs. William Golnick, who has been ill for some time, is able to be around again.

Rollo Failing and family have moved from the Howard Bunker house to their own home on the South side.

Big New Year Eve dance at the Lyric Sunday night. Favors and noise makers for everybody. Six-piece orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovely entertained the members of the Lovely family numbering 15, at their home at dinner on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield are the proud parents of a daughter, Christine Louise, born to them at Mercy Hospital Sunday, December 24.

DANCE at the Lyric, West side Higgins lake, Saturday night, December 30. Also big New Year Eve dance Sunday night; modern and old time dances. Six-piece orchestra.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Agda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algol Johnson and Mr. Howard Granger, son of Mrs. Celia Granger, that will take place Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at Danish-Lutheran church. A wedding dinner will follow at Shoppenagons Inn.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Rasmussen was pleasantly entertained by the members of the Sunday school of the Grayling Lutheran church, when they went to her home. They presented a short play entitled "The Christmas Rose" and sang several Christmas carols, much to that lady's delight. All were treated to candy before leaving.

Miss Lila Rohm, supervisor, and John R. McDonald, special representative of the State Bureau of Social Security, were guests at Shoppenagons Inn last week Thursday night. Mr. McDonald was in Grayling conferring with Miss Rohm and Mrs. Laura Olson, Crawford county supervisor of the Bureau of Social Aid, regarding the new offices of the Bureau which were opened in the Courthouse December 1st.

Dining Room Suite for sale. Dining table, buffet and 6 leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.



**DANCE
New Year's Eve
Sun. Night, Dec. 31**

Dance the old year out and the new year in at

The LYRIC

West side Higgins lake.

Plenty of caps and noise makers for everybody.
Also Dance Saturday Night, December 30th
Six piece orchestra. Modern and old time dancing.
Russell Beck will be the caller.

Beer Wine Lunches

Edward Feldhauser of Maple Forest is driving a special deluxe Chevrolet sport sedan, purchased from Alfred Hanson.

Dance the old year out and the New Year in at the Lyric, West side of Higgins Lake, Sunday night, December 31. Modern and Old Time dancing.

A daughter, Rosalie Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, of Frederic Tuesday, December 26 at Mercy Hospital, passing away the same day. Funeral services will be held from the home in Frederic Sunday. Mrs. Olson was formerly Miss Molly O'Dell.

Friday night, December 29, the Moose Basketball team will meet the Oscoda team on the home floor. It is reported that Oscoda has a good team so this should be a good game. Everybody plan to see it.

Because there were so many parties before Christmas, the American Legion Auxiliary waited until Wednesday to entertain children of the Legionaires. There was a pretty tree with a nice gift for everyone and ice cream and cake were served.

The Avalanche is glad to present in this issue to its readers a chronology of events for the year of 1939 as compiled by John D. Grant. This will be found to be accurate and interesting and worth filing away for future use should occasion require.

William Hill, enroute home from Lansing for Christmas, was taken with a heart attack in Grand Rapids Saturday and has been a patient at St. Mary's hospital since. Mrs. Hill and son John left for his bedside and were joined by another son, Robert, who was coming home from the Naval Academy at Annapolis. They returned to Grayling Wednesday leaving Mr. Hill recovering so well that he would probably be dismissed from the hospital today.

Miss Elizabeth Matson, of Trenton, daughter of Mrs. Efner Matson, is in Boston this week where she is writing on a competitive examination for a position as instructor of physical education in the State Teachers college of that place. Applicants require a master degree from some college together with practical experience. Miss Matson has had both. No doubt competition will be keen for the applicants have been selected from all over the country for their outstanding qualifications.

Dr. J. Fred Cook played Santa Claus to some 140 kiddies Thursday afternoon at his office. Invitations were issued and there were but few who did not respond. They were greeted by a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree and each one received a gift besides a stocking of candies and nuts. Many little hearts were gladdened by the Doctor's thoughtfulness and generosity. He says if there are any who received an invitation and did not call that afternoon that there is still a gift awaiting them and they may call any time.

Sixty children, members of the catechism classes, enjoyed the Christmas party at St. Mary's parish hall Thursday afternoon, that is given annually. They played games and sang carols and a prayer for world wide peace was said in unison. Ice cream and cake were served and gifts exchanged that were found under a beautifully decorated tree. The lunch tables were prettily decorated Christmas trees and lighted tapers. Mrs. Adolph Peterson, Mrs. Liland Snock, Miss Odie Sheehy, Mrs. W. J. Heric and Mrs. Carl Nielsen arranged the very pretty affair.

The annual Christmas tree for the Grayling Lutheran church was held at Danebod hall Tuesday evening. A program was enjoyed that consisted of recitations by the Sunday school children, and a play, "The Christmas Rose," was presented by the older group. Another short skit was given by the girls of the Junior Ladies Aid society, entitled "The Christmas Child." The children danced around the prettily decorated Christmas tree singing carols. Grown-ups and children alike always enjoy this Christmas affair, that has been the custom of the church for years. Closing the evening coffee and cake were enjoyed.

The committee of judges from the Kiwanis club awarded the prize for the best Christmas decorated home to Mrs. Dewey Palmer and daughter Mrs. Joe Lennert. There were two life-size deer harnessed and drawing a normal size sleigh in which Santa Claus was riding. The latter, carrying a pack full of Christmas presents, was decked out in real Santa Claus style, red nose, big belly and all. It looked like a really-to-goodness Santa Claus. The yard about was dotted with evergreen trees. Christmas lights illuminated the place. It was an original and really clever piece of decorating. The winners were awarded a Kiwanis check for \$5.00 in reward for their efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin of Frederic entertained the following guests at a delicious six-course Christmas dinner, Mrs. Laura Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craven, Mr. Wilson Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brennan, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brennan, Jr., and daughter Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Melroy and son Clare Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cram and son Jimmie and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wallace.

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The Book—2 Tim 3:16

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CHRONOLOGY

OF THE YEAR
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EUROPEAN WAR



MARS GOES TO WORK—
French poilu puzzles over street sign in captured German village.

Hitler Still Grabbing

MARCH
12—German troops mass near border of Slovakia.
13—Czechoslovak submits to Hitler's demands for further break-up of the Czech state.
14—Slovakia formally secedes from Czechoslovakia and becomes independent state under German protection.
15—Hitler seizes Bohemia and Moravia, accepting subjection of Czechoslovakia.
16—Hitler absorbs Slovakia, Hungary annexes part of Carpatho-Ukraine.
27—Germany puts pressure on Poland.
28—Poland refuses German demand for pathway to East Prussia.

APRIL

4—Poland joins British in war alliance.
17—Germany pushes drive to take Danzig. French fleet guards Gibraltar. British fleet sails to Malta.

MAY

7—Nazis plan plebiscite in Danzig.
8—Pope invites five powers to Vatican City to settle Polish-German dispute.
20—Germany fortifies its eastern frontier against Poland.

JUNE

1—Hitler pledges Germany will support Czechoslovakia's border.
20—German troops move to encircle Poland.
22—British appeals to Germany to settle dispute by negotiations.

JULY

6—Warsaw reports 5,000 Polish families in East Prussia are forced to move away from border.

AUGUST

13—Germany and Italy establish policy on Danzig; Polish attitude called unbearable.
14—Germany takes military possession of Slovakia.
21—Germany announces nonaggression pact with Russia.
22—German troops massed near Polish-German frontier. Spee into South American port.

23—Germany and Russia sign nonaggression pact.
25—Britain and Poland sign war alliance. Japanese cruiser abandons Rome.
26—Poland asks British help under new mutual aid pact.

Germans Invade Poland

21—Germany charges Munich man with beer cellar explosion, arrests two British agents.
22—British issue unrestricted blockade of Germans, in reprisal for U-boat mine warfare, forbids neutral nations to trade with Germany.

23—British destroyer sunk; 40 missing.

24—British submarine raid Shetlands, no damage done.

French report torpedo boat sank two subs.

25—Eight more vessels sunk; total for six days 25.

France and Britain claim 20 air victories in three days on western front. Exports of coal and iron begins functioning in France.

26—Berlin permits British to establish propaganda center in Sofia.

27—British cruiser damaged in port by Soviet gunboat.

French repulse German attack east of Moselle river.

28—Berlin claims bombers hit four British ships. London denies.

29—Six nations protest British ban on German trade.

30—Two hundred eighty-seven die in Mongolian air raid. Soviet planes shoot down 25 planes.

31—Japs report shooting down 88 Soviet planes in battle over Outer Mongolia.

British claims British attacks first.

32—British signs for a new Europe. Churchill signs peace note to France. Finnish guns kill four Russian soldiers.

33—Russia demands Finns remove soldiers from border. Finland offers to negotiate border issue; Russia threatens war.

34—Russia denounces nonaggression pact with Finland; Finland declares Russian reports of border attacks false.

Germany claims British cruiser sunk by submarine; Britain denies.

35—Russia withdraws from League of Nations.

36—Finns capture Liner after shooting down 100 sailors.

37—Finns claim 10-mile advance into Finland; bomb Helsinki; declare war. Finland attacked first. Finnish cabinet resigns after declaring war on Russia.

DECEMBER

1—Finns attack Russian cruiser with 300 sailors. Russian capture Finnish port. New cabinet takes over Finnish government.

2—Germans sink five ships of four nations.

3—Finns rebel regime cedes territory to Russia.

4—Regular Finnish government orders evacuation of all frontier towns.

5—Soviet lightens its defenses.

6—British tanker sunk; two German ships sunk and beached.

7—British planes attack German naval ships and score hits on German war ships.

8—Finns scatter Red troops in Arctic battle.

9—League of nations summoned to hear Finnish appeal for aid.

10—Britain puts blockade against German exports into effect.

11—German pocket battleship sinks British liner Doric Star in south Atlantic.

12—Finns flyers inflict heavy casualties on Soviet troop concentration.

13—British army of 200,000 on three fronts.

14—Russians to blockade Finnish coast; warn shipping.

15—British fighting planes beat off German raid.

16—Finns repel offensive on Karelian Isthmus.

17—British report Russian attacks re-continued on three fronts.

18—League of Nations requests Russia to cease hostilities against Finland.

19—Russia rejects league of nations proposal to mediate conflict with Finland.

20—British ships disable and chase German pocket battleship Spee into South American port.

21—Russia expelled from league of nations.

22—Italy gives Graf Spee 72 hours to make repairs.

23—Finnish artillery sinks Russian destroyer.

24—German seafarers Graf Spee outside Liverpool harbor rather than risk fight with British ships waiting outside.

25—Huge Red forces storm Fins mountain.

26—Germans claim 34 out of 44 British planes shot down in battle over Helsinki.

27—British claim sinking of German cruiser and damage to two others.

FOREIGN

RUSSIAN WEST—Dicator Josef Stalin having completed a pact with Germany, conquers part of Poland and moves into Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania—and then into Finland.

JANUARY

1—Chinese dictator "Deng" government ranks of 200 "peace party" leaders.

2—Warsaw decides to fight on after Poland's collapse under Nazi pressure.

3—Polish Red surge of former officials in Polish Ukraine.

4—French repulse wave after wave of Nazi shock troops.

5—French defeat Germans in two battles of Bar-le-Duc while Jutteh of Siegfried line; bomb Zeppelin works.

6—Warsaw surrenders to Germans after Poland's collapse.

7—Estonia signs alliance with Russia.

8—Britain sends warning by foes to stop war.

FEBRUARY

1—British calls 250,000 more troops.

2—Hitler sends peace proposals to Britain.

3—Hitler sets aside area in Poland for Germans to be transplanted from other countries.

4—French premier spurns Hitler's peace offer.

5—British battleship Royal Oak sunk.

6—British captures German ship, city of Flushing, taken to Soviet port.

7—American ship City of Flint turned over to Germany by Russia, sails from Russia.

8—German armada of 115 foreign ships sunk since war began.

9—Five freighters sunk by Germans.

10—Soviet demands peace now crisis in Finland.

NOVEMBER

2—Norway frees City of Flint and ten German prize crew. Finland defies Soviet threat; ready to fight.

3—Belgium and Holland offer to mediate.

4—Hitler escapes plot; blast in Munich beer cellar kills 8 and injures 50.

5—Dutch open defense dikes; clash at border with Germans.

6—French raise night infantry raids by Germans.

7—French repulse two German attacks.

8—Four more merchantmen sunk in sea warfare.

9—British shoot nine Czech students, seize 1,200 and close academies for three years.

10—Dutch lines hit German mine in three ports and sink with 160 men.

11—French ships sunk by German mines of England.

12—Germans extend war at sea; 10 vessels sunk since November 18; 123.

13—French-Belgian treaty seem as charnel for France to get German coke.

14—Germany opens officers' ranks to all soldiers; royalty backs Hitler.

MAY

6—King and queen of Great Britain.

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8—King and queen start on tour of Canada.

9—Bill setting up dictatorship over industry introduced in British parliament.

JUNE

10—Bombs in mail in England injure seven persons.

11—Japan presents Britain with new demands as troops tighten blockade of Manchukuo.

12—British cruiser damaged in port by Soviet gunboat.

13—British women and children flee Tientsin to escape Japanese economic blockade.

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LOCALS

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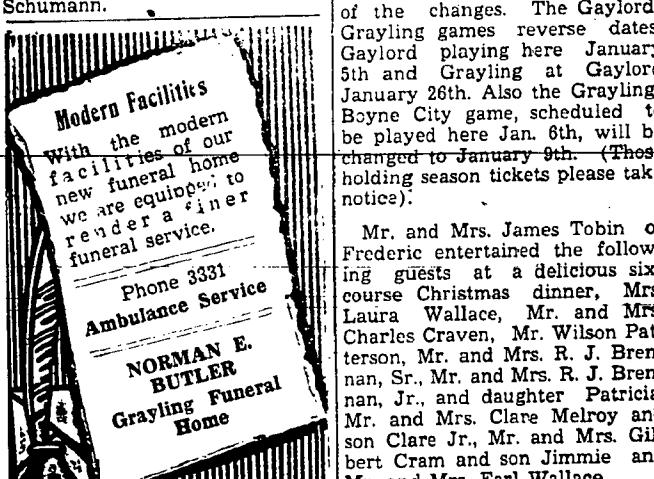
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Saturday afternoon Mrs. Rasmussen was pleasantly entertained by the members of the Sunday school of the Grayling Lutheran church, when they went to her home. They presented a short play entitled "The Christmas Rose" and sang several Christmas carols, much to that lady's delight. All were treated to candy before leaving.

Miss Lila Rohm, supervisor, and John R. McDonald, special representative of the State Bureau of Social Security, were guests at Shoppenagons Inn last week Thursday night. Mr. McDonald was in Grayling conferring with Miss Rohm and Mrs. Laura Olson, Crawford county supervisor of the Bureau of Social Aid, regarding the new offices of the Bureau which were opened in the Courthouse December 1st.

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Because there were so many parties before Christmas, the American Legion Auxiliary waited until Wednesday to entertain children of the Legionnaires. There was a pretty tree with a nice gift for everyone and ice cream and cake were served.

Friends of Luther Herrick will be pleased to learn that he is somewhat improved after being quite seriously ill at his home.

Charles Richardson, age 71 years, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Hjalmar Mortenson in Beaver Creek, at 10:00 o'clock this morning.

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John Wakeley is serving 25 days in the county jail charged with the reckless use of firearms while intoxicated. Sheriff Pendick was called to his home Saturday afternoon, after Wakeley had shot himself with a 22 rifle, the bullet entering the upper left chest and coming out under the left arm.

As a farewell tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Wright, who are leaving for the south for the winter, a few friends gathered at the home of Judge and Mrs. Charles E. Moore for a banquet Tuesday evening. The evening was spent playing bridge, throwing the bean bag and shooting darts. Sal says to be sure and say that she and O. P. won the honors at beans. This may arouse some dispute, but then . . .

Complimenting their sister Miss Anna, of Grand Rapids, who was home for the yuletide festivities, Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielsen entertained at two tables of bridge Saturday evening. Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mrs. A. J. Nelson held the honor scores and Miss Nielsen received the guest gift. The lunch table was lovely with Christmas greens and red lighted tapers.

It is always a pleasure to hear from an old subscriber. This week, accompanying his check for renewal of his subscription, N. P. Salling of 1138 Rimpan Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., says: "Merry Christmas from an old subscriber since 1888." We're indeed pleased to receive this fine Christmas greeting. Thank you, Mr. Salling, and a Happy New Year.

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The Quality Store

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brady spent Christmas in Detroit with relatives of the former.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Brown of Port Huron spent the yuletide visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann were in Saginaw Sunday and Monday to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fitzpatrick and little son of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer Jr.

Miss Helen Brady of Lansing and Jerome Brady of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielsen drove to Alpena this morning. The former is enjoying a ten-day vacation from his duties at Grayling Fish hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield enjoyed having as their guests for the Christmas holidays, the former's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, and brothers, George and William Hatfield of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Penrod returned Wednesday evening from Houghton, Mich., where they were called owing to the death of the latter's aunt, Mrs. S. Seeley Wakeley. He also visited his brothers Phil and George.

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Calvary Church

The Book—2 Tim 3:16
The Blood Heb 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13
Mission Station

218 Alger St.
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

Sunday Services

Sunday School ----- 10:00 A. M.
Young People ----- 6:45 P. M.

Preaching ----- 7:30 P. M.

Midweek Services

Tuesday-----
Prayer----- 7:30 P. M.

Thursday-----
Everybody's Bible Class 7:30 P. M.

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Finnish Baths Long In Use

Finnish baths—with plenty of steaming followed by a cold plunge—are an established institution in many an upper peninsula community. But the invigorating effects of the "Finnish Bath" were known to the people of upper Michigan long before the first Finns arrived.

A passing note titled "Indian medical facts" among the geological observations in the field books of Dr. Douglas Houghton, Michigan's first and most famous geologist, tells the story. In August 15, 1832, when camped near the Ontonagon river, Dr. Houghton wrote:

"Their sweating lodges are a curiosity. A lodge is constructed of bark and covered with blankets. In this upon one side are placed several large stones heated to redness. The patient seats himself naked upon cedar boughs in the opposite side of the lodge and with a bunch of feathers or a branch of some evergreen tree he sprinkles the stones with water in which has been placed a small quantity of a decoction of the leaves of several evergreens (pine, white cedar, spruce and balsams). The lodge is filled with water vapor and the patient falls into a profuse perspiration. Having remained a suitable length of time (varying from a quarter of an hour to two hours) he leaves the lodge and either plunges into cold water, or more frequently being wrapped up warm remains quiet for two or three hours."

"The Indians suppose this to possess miraculous powers. An Indian who has been long on some arduous task is perhaps from his constant fatigue and exposure under the influence of some rheumatic affection. This, he avers, removes it effectually, and, as he says, 'limbers his joints.' It is used in almost all affections . . ."

Sturgeon Now Rare

In colonial days, sturgeon were abundant in most of the rivers of the Atlantic coast. William Penn often commented on the incredible numbers of these giant fish which ascended the Delaware each spring. Now these fish are rare because of overfishing.

Rev. Joseph Tiso, who was unanimously elected president of Slovakia. Prior to his election he led the government as premier.

4 NEW BUSES FOR BLUE GOOSE LINES

Are Quieter And More Comfortable

Continuing to provide the most modern transportation service between Detroit and the Upper Peninsula, Eastern Michigan Motorbuses, operators of the "Blue Goose Line" has just placed four new buses in service.

The new vehicles of the semi-cruiser type went into operation Tuesday, according to P. L. Radcliffe, General Manager.

The buses have a seating capacity for 25 passengers and 20 of the seats are of the full reclining type, soft and well upholstered, and assuring a restful ride for patrons.

Particular attention has been paid to providing real comfort in cold weather, with the result the buses are equipped with storm windows and two hot water heaters.

Passengers will observe the balance of vibration and unusual quietness, for the engine is in the rear and separated from the passengers by a large, completely enclosed baggage compartment.

The bodies of the buses are of steel and aluminum construction; the four-wheel brakes are air-operated and safety glass is used in all windows.

The new Blue Goose buses are built by General Motors Corp. and are of the latest design.

SLOVAKIA CHIEF



Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Everyone knows the need of this assistance by people of this fine nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

Woodruff Named To Study Effects Of Trade Treaties

Washington D. C.—Appointment of Congressman Roy O. Woodruff of Michigan to make a special study of the effects of reciprocal trade treaties has been announced here.

The Michigan Congressman was one of a small Republican Committee named by Minority Leader Joe Martin to make a thorough study of the effect of the tariff-reducing treaties on industry, agriculture, and labor.

The study is viewed as of unusual importance at this time in view of the growing opposition to the Trade Agreement program, and the fact that the law will come up for renewal or abandonment in the next Congress.

One of the charges most frequently leveled against the program, and which likely will receive special attention of the Woodruff committee is that in the drive to build up trade with foreign countries, trade among our own people has been hampered and actually seriously reduced. In addition to the many problems affecting continental industry the Committee will study those of the U. S. Possession of Puerto Rico, normally the third best customer for continental U. S. products in the western hemisphere, and sixth best in the entire world. Puerto Rico will inform the Committee that many of its products have been virtually driven out of the domestic market as a result of the trade treaties, and that as a result the Island's ability to purchase from the mainland has been seriously impaired.

The Puerto Ricans are pointing out that their purchases from continental United States dropped almost \$10,000,000 last year and contend that their experience is typical of the rest of the United States. Since they make practically all their outside purchases from the mainland, the Puerto Ricans point out that this drop was due entirely to decreased income brought about, largely, because of the reciprocal trade policies.

In appointing Congressman Woodruff and the others to the special committee, Congressman Martin said that special subcommittees would be named to go into various phases of the problem. Presumably hearings will be conducted in various parts of the country to get the reaction of local groups and to study the experience of various sections under the treaties.

My Neighbor Says:

When fish is to be served as the main dish at a dinner, allow one-half pound for each person.

The reason that we add lemon juice to fish is that its alkaline nature demands something to neutralize it.

A piece of cheese about the size of a walnut, added to cream soup just before serving, gives it a delicious flavor.

Add lemon juice to peeled peaches, bananas or other fruits which are apt to turn brown before they are mixed into fruit salad.

If geraniums grown in the house begin to look scraggly and weak, nipping off the tops will cause branches to start along the stalk.

House plants do not thrive in a room that is too warm. Keep temperature at 60 or 65 degrees and place plants in a window where they will get sunlight.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Indian Could be President Full citizenship rights have been bestowed on the American Indians. There is no legal restriction which would prevent an Indian born in the United States from becoming President.

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff. Dated December 27, 1939.

12-23-4

To Flood 2,500 Acres At Houghton Lake

Completion of steel sheet pile driving at the dam site brings work on the Muskegon river biological development project to its winter phase.

When finished in the fall of 1940, the dam will create a shallow lake a mile wide and four miles long in the upper Muskegon and Dead stream area west of Houghton lake. Some 2,500 acres will be flooded and many islands, peninsulas, lagoons, bays and ponds will be created for the nesting of waterfowl and for the improvement of the area for muskrats and other furbearers.

Winter work on the project by enrollees of the Houghton Lake CCC camp, cooperating with the game division of the department of conservation on the job, will include timber cutting, back-filling behind wingwalls, additional ripraping of the dike and emergency spillway channel and manufacture of concrete stoplogs which will be used to raise the crest of the dam five feet through successive additions.

Concrete work will begin next spring. One of the 10 bays between piers of the dam will have a fish ladder, a sort of stairs of four-foot "treads" and 12-inch "risers" up which the fish may move in easy stages. Already excavated is an emergency spillway 100 feet wide and 1,700 feet long which will permit excessive floods to bypass the dam without damage.

Peak elevation of the lake to be impounded will be 1,139 feet above sea level, just a foot less than the legal norm for Houghton lake, source of the Muskegon river. The stop-log arrangement will permit varying the depth of water at different times of the year to aid different forms of wildlife.

Present intent is to maintain the bulk of this roadless wilderness area in its primitive condition and open to hunting and fishing with principal access by boat. Timber cutting this winter will clear the pond area near the dam and the tributaries for the sake of better appearance and for better small boat navigation. Plans also include a bridge across the Muskegon river 400 feet below the dam, and camp sites nearby.

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GABBY GERTIE



"Only an ass carries a pack on his back in these days when cards fit into vest pockets and vanity cases."

SHERIFF'S SALE

(Harwood-Bollinger Sale Sat., Feb. 10th)

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Willard Harwood against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger, I did, on the 15th day of September A. D. 1939 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of said William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:

All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, known and described as Lot 8 of Block 5 of Roffe's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof.

All of which shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for said county of Crawford, State of Michigan, is held) on Saturday the 10th day of February, A. D. 1940 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

John A. Papendick, Sheriff.

Chicago—Edson A. Smith of Detroit, left, for second successive year captures title of World's Champion Truck Driver by defeating entries from twenty states at National Truck Rodeo, Chicago. He is being congratulated by Harvey C. Fruehauf, commercial trailer manufacturer of Detroit. Frank Steed of Georgia was runner-up also for the second successive year.

PECULIAR QUIRKS OF VISION

Fish do not have a flexible lens in their eye, as do human beings. The lens of a fish's eye is almost spherical and to focus on an object must be moved forward or backward in the eye.

Ninety-five per cent of all visual defects can be corrected by optical science.

Insects cannot move their eyes, which are set in their heads like jewels in a ring. To look around, insects must move their heads.

Some scientists say that fish cannot distinguish colors and that they will snap at a red fly as quickly as at a green fly. But the scientists will never be able to convince some fishermen that fish don't know their colors.

The first painting in which spectacles are shown on a person is that of Cardinal Ugone, painted in 1360 by de Modena. It now hangs in the church of San Nicola in Treviso, Italy.

The operator of a large number of trucks has suggested that all commercial vehicles on the highways be painted a standardized shade of yellow as a safety measure. He said that tests made by his company indicate that yellow trucks can be seen at a greater distance than trucks painted any other color.

Theodore Roosevelt was sickly in his youth and had poor eyesight. After discovering by accident that he could not see as well as his comrades, his visual defect was corrected with glasses. His health and vigor improved. Later in life he became known as one of the most active presidents in American history.

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Public Notice

COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 10th for the collection of county and school taxes.

There will be no penalty if paid by January 10th.

FLORENCE BUTLER, City Treasurer.

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SPORTS WEAR



Record Of Fish Plantings In 1939

Total number of fish planted in Crawford county for 1939:

Pike-Perch, fry	3,209,568
Perch, fingerlings	50,000
Bluegills, 5 mo. old	202,000
Smallmouth Bass, adult	668
Smallmouth Bass	
4 months old	21,350
Brook Trout, adult	1,000
Brown Trout, adult	250
Rainbow Trout, adult	250
Brook Trout, yearlings	800
Brown Trout, yearlings	3,500
Rainbow Trout, yearlings	4,500
Brown Trout	
6-7 months old	89,520
Rainbow Trout, 5 months old	90,409
Brook Trout, 7-8 mo. old	339,770
Total	4,013,285

Total number of fish planted from Grayling Hatchery, year 1939:

Perch, fingerlings	717,000
Bluegills, 5 mo. old	918,000
Smallmouth Bass, adult	2,664
Smallmouth Bass	
4 mo. old	42,550
Brook Trout, adult	1,900
Rainbow Trout, adult	4,750
Brook Trout, yearlings	5,500
Brown Trout, yearlings	1,000
Rainbow Trout, yearlings	4,500
Brown Trout, 6-7 mo. old	850,820
Rainbow Trout, 5 mo. old	211,258
Brook Trout, 7-8 mo. old	885,305
Pike-Perch, fry	24,049,568
Complete total	27,000,565

A Queen's Bath

In a corner of Holyrood palace grounds in Edinburgh is a small tower called "the Queen's Bath," where Mary Queen of Scots is said to have bathed in white wine.

OUR SNAPSHOTS



AN UMP AND HIS DOG — St. Petersburg, Fla. American League Umpire George Pipgras at his home recently with his dog just before the Florida Hunting season opened for duck, deer, and turkey.



"GAY TWENTIES" is the name Russell Patterson, (insert), gives to this pencil slim black crepe evening gown, one of a collection of six this noted American artist created exclusively for Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue New York's oldest department store. Note the eleven yards of pink net swooping out from just above the knee.



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Her First Christmas Tree—Snapping the lights on and off is great fun. She thinks this little fifteen-months-old miss.

GOWN OF KOREE SALT AND LIME STONE (left) Jane House, New York City model, dressed in a gown made of a new material known as Koreeal, commercial trailer manufacturer of Detroit. Frank Steed